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ING OF EACH WEEK, IF THEY ARE TO APPEAR  
IN THE CURRENT NUMBER.TRANSIENT NOTICES, FIFTY CENTS FOR EIGHT LINES;  
EACH INSERTION. FOR LARGER SPACE AND PER-  
MANENT RATES, APPLY AS ABOVE.PATERSON must be a cheerful resi-  
dence. Mrs. Fullalove is mysteriously  
shot; and at a "christening feast" there  
is a great deal of liquor and a fight in  
which people shoot, kick, stamp and  
otherwise maltreat each other. A very  
barbaric place is Paterson! But it is  
higher up the river than Newark and has  
clearer water.NOTHING can be imagined more brutal  
than the murder of Phoebe Paullin near  
Eagle Rock, on Sunday. It is partic-  
ularly horrible to us of Bloomfield, for it is  
the habit of many—gentlemen and ladies,  
and frequently ladies without the escort  
of gentlemen—to take this delightful walk.  
The poor girl was undoubtedly attacked  
upon the road not far from a house and while it was still daylight.  
This sort of crime is growing frighteningly  
common; and yet, as we have several  
times noticed, the assailant of this servant  
girl here in Bloomfield has not been seized.  
Every community like ours owes it to  
itself to push any such case with desper-  
ate energy; and the residents of Llewellyn  
Park are setting a noble, and we hope a  
successful, example.MR. DAFT, of electric motor fame, has  
been trying to work his ideas on the Mt.  
McGregor R. R., at Saratoga Springs.  
He took a car weighing five tons with a  
load of passengers equal to about as  
much more, up a seventy foot grade, by  
the help of a two-ton motor and a twenty-  
five horse-power engine. This did well  
enough to begin with, but on the way  
down a wreck occurred which broke the  
motor to pieces. No one was injured, but  
the speed of ten miles an hour worsted  
Mr. Daft's apparatus. We are afraid  
that this machine has gone to meet  
Keely. It certainly does not work be-  
tween Bloomfield and Newark, and  
(until better and later information  
comes) Daft is no bad name for its inven-  
tor.FEMININE POLITENESS.  
THE duty of inquiring into the alleged  
decadence of feminine politeness was com-  
mitted by the unanimous wish of the  
editors, to a Special Grumbler. He has  
presented the following report, which,  
on mature deliberation, we have decided  
to print precisely as it stands:There seems to be no reason (he says)  
why a lady should be any less polite than  
a gentleman. But it is an unfortunate  
fact that she generally is. In a crowd,  
for example, a woman is the most atrocious  
of created things. She knows, or  
ought to know, that she is sure to have a  
hard time of it in case of panic or confu-  
sion; but you will find her pushing and  
shoving with all her puny might. She  
will elbow another woman away from a  
candy counter, or a cloak room, with  
neatness and dispatch, and never so  
much as apologize in the slightest de-  
gree. She will also thrust past another  
woman in getting into a car or through a  
narrow passage to a place of amusement.  
She is, in a very real sense, under foot  
and in the way, when she is by herself.  
With an escort, it becomes a different  
thing. She then flings to his arm and  
trusts him to take her through. He does  
it in a masculine fashion, and that is the  
end of it except that he apologizes when  
he treads on any one's toes.Now all this has been said to arise  
from her unprotected condition. It has  
been argued that, if she was emancipated  
from the thralldom of society, she would  
be more business-like and more at her  
ease in these circumstances. But the ob-  
servation of a good many persons runs  
counter to this judgment. The stronger  
minded a woman is the less after all is she  
willing to forget the fact that she is a  
woman and a sister. She is just as sure  
to regret any omission of masculine politeness  
as ever she was—and why shouldn't  
she? The woman never lived who was  
really anxious to be completely out of the  
current of courteous treatment; but when  
a man sees a woman pushing and crowding  
for himself he is likely to let her, as the  
weaker vessel, go to the wall.

Exemplify these things for yourself.

Women as against men seldom strive and  
struggle. They have a wholesome sense  
of their own weakness. But with their  
own sex they are inconsiderate and some-  
times negligent of kind and forbearing  
behavior. Let the case of the lady who  
is in no hurry to allow another lady to  
share her car seat be a convenient instance.This last is a frequent example of femi-  
nine inconsistency. Our charmer will  
plant herself and her bundles in a seat and  
there sit entrenched in a serene indifference  
to all the gentlemen in creation. If any one of them storms the battery of  
wraps and parcels, she rewards him with a  
glance or two that sends the cold shivers  
coursing up and down his spine. On  
the contrary, she accepts his offered place  
in car or ferryboat with that calm and  
apathetic selfishness which is sometimes  
considered a mark of high breeding—a  
peculiar sort of conduct which the lowest  
breed apparently catch up the quickest.This has rapidly produced its due and  
sufficient effect on the men. They will  
endure to see a lady of this presumed  
sort stand for an indefinite duration and  
never so much as raise their eyes from  
their papers. And, indeed, so long as the  
ferry companies divide their passengers  
into ladies and smokers, the great middle  
class, who do not smoke or care to sit in  
the smoke of others, will make for the ladies'  
cabin. There the right to a seat is pres-  
criptive and ladies alone possess it. But  
the failure of a good many ladies to spend  
a smile or a word of thanks on the weary  
mortals who surrenders his place, has oc-  
casioned a state of affairs which is not  
pleasant to contemplate.Here is a typical instance of feminine  
courtesy. It was at the Symphony So-  
ciety. Two gentlemen during the inter-  
mission had gone out, let us say for cloves  
or the perfume of the fragile cigarette.  
Two ladies—so-called—assumed the vac-  
ant seats. The gentlemen returned.  
"What! no seats?" So they sat on the  
steps, and the ladies (?) peacefully retained  
places which had cost a couple of dollars,  
whereas the usurpers had only paid for a  
seat on the stairs. What ought these  
gentlemen to have done? In fact, they  
sat a while and then left for good.NOTE.—Our friend leaves his communica-  
tion incomplete. He has even shown a  
certain sort of misogyny (if that is the  
word) on the whole subject. We do not  
entirely, hardly even partially, endorse  
his views. But we would like to hear  
from our readers as to this last case.  
What should the gentlemen have done?  
That which they did, or something else?  
And if so, what?—EDS. CITIZEN.GAMBLING.  
LAST week a society organized for the  
accomplishment of most worthy objects,  
and having the CITIZEN's cordial sym-  
pathy, was giving an entertainment. To in-  
duce greater sales it was announced that  
gifts would be given to the holders of  
certain tickets, to be determined by lot.  
The numbers of the tickets which had  
drawn prizes were advertised in our col-  
umns. We have been somewhat severely  
criticized for thus advertising a "lottery."  
To make a long story short, we admit the  
justice of the censure. In the press of  
business we did not give the matter that  
consideration which its importance de-  
manded. The enterprise looked as innocent  
as the grab-bags and raffles of our  
church and Sunday-school fairs, and in  
reality was just as bad—no better, no  
worse. Now, however, that our attention  
has been called to the subject, we  
shall enunciate our position in no doubtful  
terms.THE CITIZEN is most decidedly opposed  
to gambling in every way, shape and  
manner; to playing of cards or other  
games for the least stake of money or its  
equivalent; to gambling in stocks, oil,  
corn or cotton; to buying and selling  
"futures" and "options" where there is  
no thought of actual transfers of property,  
to becoming either a bull or a bear or  
other beast equally destructive to legitimate  
industry; to betting on horse  
races, elections, steamer runs or any  
other thing; and last, but very decidedly  
least, to that pious form of the art  
which is so common at church entertainments,  
and known under the innocent  
phrase of "taking chances." This passion  
for gambling—the desire to obtain property  
without cost, is one of the worst  
curses of our time and place of abode. It  
is an appetite more universal, more pow-  
erful and more disastrous in its far-reaching  
effects upon society, than that for  
alcohol. It is at the bottom of most of  
the defalcations large and small; it is  
destroying confidence between man and  
man; it is causing failures every day and  
on every hand; it is unsettling the minds  
and morals of our young men, unfitting  
them for legitimate effort; it is filling  
homes with sorrow and graves with  
diseased dead; it is leading to lying, cheating,  
robbery, suicide and murder in cases  
without number under our very eyes each  
day.If some of those earnest but mistaken  
men who are so blinded by their wrath  
against alcohol, that they deal fatal  
blows against their best friends, would  
turn some of their superabundant vigor  
against this withering vice they might  
accomplish a double good. No one be-  
comes a reckless gambler all at once.  
The first taste of the deadly poison may  
be gained at a private card table where  
the stakes are limited to cents, "just to  
make it interesting, you know." One of  
the most noted gamblers of a Western  
city attributes his fall from respectable  
life to a game of cards in a most respectable  
lady's parlor. A successful trial of a  
lottery has been the damnation of many  
a poor soul. Do our church people think  
it safe to play with this sort of fire? If itis a good argument that a single glass of  
wine is full of untold dangers, by the same  
sort of argument the time-honored grab-  
bag and raffle ought to be banished into  
everlasting limbo. If it damage one's  
character to be seen coming out of a beer  
garden, much more should it damage it  
to be found frequenting broker's offices to  
buy stocks without money. A drunken  
cashier is more reliable than a gambling  
one. We have compared drinking and  
gambling, because the danger of the former  
seems to be understood. We wish we could say as much for the latter.VOTE  
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